

**Ocean Energy Bureau, Interior**

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If you use—	You must—	And you must—
(a) Sonar .....	cover 100 percent of the appropriate grid area listed in §250.1741(a).	Use a sonar signal with a frequency of at least 500 kHz.
(b) A diver .....	ensure that the diver visually inspects 100 percent of the appropriate grid area listed in §250.1741(a).	Ensure that the diver uses a search pattern of concentric circles or parallel lines spaced no more than 10 feet apart.
(c) An ROV (remotely operated vehicle) ...	ensure that the ROV camera records videotape over 100 percent of the appropriate grid area listed in §250.1741(a).	Ensure that the ROV uses a pattern of concentric circles or parallel lines spaced no more than 10 feet apart.

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**§250.1743 How do I certify that a site is clear of obstructions?**

(a) For a well site, you must submit to the appropriate District Manager within 30 days after you complete the verification activities a form MMS-124, Application for Permit to Modify, to include the following information:

- (1) A signed certification that the well site area is cleared of all obstructions;
- (2) The date the verification work was performed and the vessel used;
- (3) The extent of the area surveyed;
- (4) The survey method used;
- (5) The results of the survey, including a list of any debris removed or a statement from the trawling contractor that no objects were recovered; and
- (6) A post-trawling job plot or map showing the trawled area.

(b) For a platform or other facility site, you must submit the following information to the appropriate Regional Supervisor within 30 days after you complete the verification activities:

- (1) A letter signed by an authorized company official certifying that the platform or other facility site area is cleared of all obstructions and that a company representative witnessed the verification activities;
- (2) A letter signed by an authorized official of the company that performed the verification work for you certifying that they cleared the platform or other facility site area of all obstructions;
- (3) The date the verification work was performed and the vessel used;
- (4) The extent of the area surveyed;
- (5) The survey method used;
- (6) The results of the survey, including a list of any debris removed or a statement from the trawling con-

tractor that no objects were recovered; and

- (7) A post-trawling job plot or map showing the trawled area.

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**PIPELINE DECOMMISSIONING**

**§250.1750 When may I decommission a pipeline in place?**

You may decommission a pipeline in place when the Regional Supervisor determines that the pipeline does not constitute a hazard (obstruction) to navigation and commercial fishing operations, unduly interfere with other uses of the OCS, or have adverse environmental effects.

**§250.1751 How do I decommission a pipeline in place?**

You must do the following to decommission a pipeline in place:

(a) Submit a pipeline decommissioning application in triplicate to the Regional Supervisor for approval. Your application must be accompanied by payment of the service fee listed in §250.125. Your application must include the following information:

- (1) Reason for the operation;
  - (2) Proposed decommissioning procedures;
  - (3) Length (feet) of segment to be decommissioned; and
  - (4) Length (feet) of segment remaining.
- (b) Pig the pipeline, unless the Regional Supervisor determines that pigging is not practical;
- (c) Flush the pipeline;
  - (d) Fill the pipeline with seawater;
  - (e) Cut and plug each end of the pipeline;

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(f) Bury each end of the pipeline at least 3 feet below the seafloor or cover each end with protective concrete mats, if required by the Regional Supervisor; and

(g) Remove all pipeline valves and other fittings that could unduly interfere with other uses of the OCS.

[67 FR 35406, May 17, 2002, as amended at 71 FR 40913, July 19, 2006]

### § 250.1752 How do I remove a pipeline?

Before removing a pipeline, you must:

(a) Submit a pipeline removal application in triplicate to the Regional Supervisor for approval. Your application must be accompanied by payment of the service fee listed in §250.125. Your application must include the following information:

- (1) Proposed removal procedures;
  - (2) If the Regional Supervisor requires it, a description, including anchor pattern(s), of the vessel(s) you will use to remove the pipeline;
  - (3) Length (feet) to be removed;
  - (4) Length (feet) of the segment that will remain in place;
  - (5) Plans for transportation of the removed pipe for disposal or salvage;
  - (6) Plans to protect archaeological and sensitive biological features during removal operations, including a brief assessment of the environmental impacts of the removal operations and procedures and mitigation measures that you will take to minimize such impacts; and
  - (7) Projected removal schedule and duration.
- (b) Pig the pipeline, unless the Regional Supervisor determines that pigging is not practical; and
- (c) Flush the pipeline.

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### § 250.1753 After I decommission a pipeline, what information must I submit?

Within 30 days after you decommission a pipeline, you must submit a written report to the Regional Supervisor that includes the following:

(a) A summary of the decommissioning operation including the date it was completed;

(b) A description of any mitigation measures you took; and

(c) A statement signed by your authorized representative that certifies that the pipeline was decommissioned according to the approved application.

### § 250.1754 When must I remove a pipeline decommissioned in place?

You must remove a pipeline decommissioned in place if the Regional Supervisor determines that the pipeline is an obstruction.

## Subpart R [Reserved]

## Subpart S—Safety and Environmental Management Systems (SEMS)

SOURCE: 75 FR 63649, Oct. 15, 2010, unless otherwise noted.

### § 250.1900 Must I have a SEMS program?

You must develop, implement, and maintain a safety and environmental management system (SEMS) program. Your SEMS program must address the elements described in §250.1902, American Petroleum Institute's Recommended Practice for Development of a Safety and Environmental Management Program for Offshore Operations and Facilities (API RP 75) (incorporated by reference as specified in §250.198), and other requirements as identified in this subpart.

(a) You must comply with the provisions of this subpart and have your SEMS program in effect on or before November 15, 2011, except for the submission of Form MMS-131 as required in §250.1929.

(b) You must submit Form MMS-131 on an annual basis beginning March 31, 2011.

(c) If there are any conflicts between the requirements of this subpart and API RP 75 (incorporated by reference as specified in §250.198), you must follow the requirements of this subpart.

(d) Nothing in this subpart affects safety or other matters under the jurisdiction of the Coast Guard.